

Please add the following new claims:

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--28. (New) Process according to claim 19, wherein the hydrophobic side-chain substituents contain 6-40 carbon atoms.

29. (New) Tissue paper according to claim 25, wherein the hydrophobic side-chain substituents contain 6-40 carbon atoms.- -

REMARKS

The present response amends claims 19 and 25, adds new claims 28 and 29 and requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. A Marked Version of the amendments is attached.

Support for new and amended claims 19, 25, 28 and 29 can be found in the specification on p.4, I.34-35 and p.7, I.10-11 respectively.

The present invention according to claim 19 relates to a process for the production of tissue paper comprising addition of a paper wet strength resin or agent comprising a cationic nitrogen-containing polymer having hydrophobic side-chain substituents having up to 40 carbon atoms to an aqueous cellulosic suspension. The invention according to claim 25 also relates to a tissue paper comprising the agent or resin.

Claims 19-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Noda (US 5,200,036) or Stockmann (US 3,748,221). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Noda (US 5,200,036) discloses polycationic wet strength agent latex particles, the aim of which is to impart increased wet strength to the resulting paper sheets used for bags, boxes or the like (col.3, I.64-66). The wet strength agent